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Pilot Program to Determine Best Techniques for Remediating Contaminates from Soil Surrounding Legacy (1951-1984) Waste Pits in North Central North Dakota
(Section 9 of House Bill No. 1358 - 2015 Legislative Session)

The Industrial Commission shall use \$500,000 for the purpose of conducting a pilot program in conjunction with research facilities in this state to determine the best techniques for remediating salt and any other contamination from the soil surrounding waste pits reclaimed by trenching between 1951 and 1984 in the north central portion of this state. (No matching funds are required.)

The following work has been identified as being useful for this pilot program:

- Oil and gas operators including Oasis Petroleum have been performing work in regards to this type of project and the information these operators have provided to the Petroleum Council salt remediation task force should be considered in this pilot program;
- The Health Department has been developing guidelines that should be included in this pilot program. The proposed guidelines are expected to be available by July 1, 2015.
- The Energy and Environmental Research Center in conjunction with North Dakota State University has been identifying some best practices in the ongoing Bakken Optimization Project and that information would be beneficial to this pilot program.

The Industrial Commission will be considering the issuance of a Request for Proposals within the next few months to get this pilot program underway.